



EI/ILP NEWSLETTER

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State Updates—Erin Kinavey

I just wanted to provide a quick reminder of a couple of different initiatives and projects we've got going on and their timelines.

Regulations and policies

The University of Oregon has been offered the contract to assist AK Part C to provide the contract services for our 15 month long project to complete regulations, policies and procedures, update the database manual, revise the on-site review manual and rewrite our RFP for the next competitive grant process in FY14.

As soon as the contract is signed they will be working swiftly, to finalize the regs and policies for public posting in early January for public comment the month of February. I am working with DSDS to streamline policies related to DSDS services and will likely be asking a couple of directors with both DD and ILP services to join us once U of O is online to help facilitate the process.

Annual report

Our FY12 annual report is out (attached) and will be posted to our website ASAP. You will see a LARGE increase in referrals since last year and a slight increase in enrollment.

Media and social marketing

Finally, a video of an interview with the same family featured on our annual report is posted on our Facebook account. It's an amazing piece on the family and the supports they have received from FOCUS. Also, Last month our media guru also did a wonderful video featuring a family from Fairbanks- sharing the story of their son Ozzie who was born early and spent over 75 days in the NICU. It's a wonderful piece on the family and the services that ACCA provide. If you have the chance please check out and share these stories!

We will be working with ISER this year to do more comprehensive research into outreach/ social marketing as well as focus groups with parents for how best to educate family's on their rights and procedural safeguards.

Mid-year adjustments: please get your mid-year requests in as early as possible. You can include specialized training (such as infant Mental Health fellowships) to be considered in your mid-year requests. While we need to prioritize service requests--- if there are funds we want to see as many people as possible with deep knowledge of IMH.

State Offices Closed

December 25, 2012

January 1, 2013

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!



Snowflakes are one of nature's most fragile things, but just look what they can do when they stick together.
~Vista M. Kelly



Updates From the Field

Sprout Family Services, Homer have expanded their service delivery area to the Aleutian/Pribilof Islands.

ACCA now has on-site offices and local staff in Copper River and North Slope regions.

BBA has partnered with a community Early Literacy Coalition and received a supply of books for their families.

NWA—Kim Mix is the new ILP Coordinator. She will work half time with ILP and half time with the 3-5 year olds. Kim is not new to ILP. She was the Coordinator in Juneau.



Coming Events for FY13

January 2013

- January 22-24—Governor's Council on Disabilities—Juneau
- January 31—February 2—AAEYC Conference, Hilton



Database Updates—Lisa Balivet

Child Count Reminder:

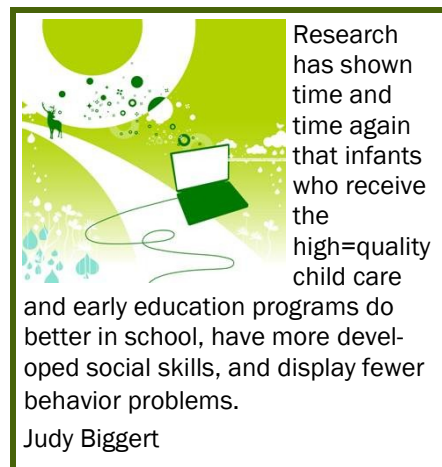
You received an email reminder to check your data for current numbers of children enrolled on Dec 1, 2012. Please make sure that the number of children enrolled Dec 1 is accurate and that all exited children have updated exit information in the db. Call Lisa with any questions or problems.

Here's How:

- Open your ILP database
- Click on Reports
- Choose Program Management]
- Click on Childcount

Change the date to 12/1/2012

Please send an email letting me know that you have completed reviewing this report and verify that it is correct.



IFSP Update: The automated IFSP is in the preliminary testing stage at the state office. We have a meeting the first week of December to review the application allowing folks outside of the state system to access it. We will then contact the following volunteers to test it further:

Nancy Wells, Amy Simpson (or designee), Amy Tovoli, Letty Swanson, Kelly Coutsubos, Jill Ross.

Please contact Lisa Balivet if you would also like to test the automated IFSP.

Professional Development Updates—Meghan Johnson



CONGRATULATIONS!!! Mary Jane Kasayulie graduated with her AA in Early Childhood!!! After several years of persistence, determination and balancing work and family commitments, Mary Jane Kasayulie received her AA in Early Childhood. I've known Mary Jane for approximately 10 years and I have to say there has always been something about her that makes me chuckle and feel at ease at the same time. She has this

sassy, straight forward, yet passionate and reflective personality that was meant to be in Early Childhood. She has worked for ILP for 6 years and 15 years with PAT and school district. She was one of the first teachers to pilot PAT in Koliganek and Sitka Alaska. She is a true asset to the field.

On behalf of all the ILP providers in Alaska we would like to congratulate Mary Jane on this accomplishment. Because of her determination and tenacity, she is now working on her AA in human services in hopes of obtaining a BA in Early Childhood or Social Work.

Additional Educational Accomplishments

Adrienne Obrien, and Jan Jorgenson recently graduated with their M.Ed in Early Childhood Special Education. We applaud them for their accomplishments while maintaining employment with ILP and balancing their work family lives.





Professional Development Updates- Continued

ILP Scholarship Allocations

Student	Degree/ Discipline area	Anticipated Graduation Date (Estimated)
1 Non-ILP employee	ECSE	December, 2012
Colleen Elzey	ECSE	December/ Summer, 2013
Kerri-Burns-Norris	Counseling	Summer/ Fall, 2013
Melissa Kahler	ECSE	Fall, 2013
Leah Gold	ECSE	December, 2013
Jessica Gardner	ECSE	December, 2013
Kelly Coutsubos	ECSE	Summer, 2014
Racquel Martinez	ECSE	Summer, 2014
1 non-ilp employee	EC (I'm working on him for ECSE) J	Summer, 2014
Angie Gingue	ECSE	December, 2013
Lynn Palmquist	OT	December, 2014
McKenzie Weimer	OT	December, 2014
Jessica Schultz	SLP	Summer, 2014
Amanda Sanford	ECSE	Summer 2013

AEYC Conference

Registration is open!! There is an ILP discounted rate for the first 55 or so who register. Thursday's key note is Dr. Barbara Stroud. Following the key note, Dr. Stroud will facilitate three consecutively/ linked presentations about reflective practices for ILP providers only. Friday, Linda Chamberlin will facilitate three consecutively/ linked sessions discussing safety planning for home visitors where domestic violence may have occurred. Also on Friday, Laurie Thomas and Tammy Sandoval will present on working with children with foster and biological families. On Saturday there will be two ILP related presentations. Myself, Kristen Bradshaw and Jan Olmstead will co-facilitate an active group process about writing IFSP goals using the new IFSP and Jane and Meredith from EED will co-facilitate a session on transition and child outcomes.

Part C Completion

Programs are moving along. I think it is safe to say collectively programs are approximately 85% complete. YEAH!! I know the holidays are approaching and you all have been hard at work completing the online modules, study guide and documentation. If you have any questions about what to submit, process for submission, or strategies to support completion please give myself or your TA a call.

During the January Coordinators meeting we will be reviewing the MOCK IFSP located in the Part C Credential. If you have not already reviewed this document, please take some time to review it for the discussion on January 3rd, 2013.



Skiing is a dance, and the mountain always leads.—Author Unknown